

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

September 16, 2020

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2020-3-E

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

**THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL NOT SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE;
SUCH ORDER SHALL BE ISSUED AS WRITTEN ORDER NO. 2020-634**

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2020-3-E - Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Decreasing Residential and Non-Residential Rates - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs, Decreasing Residential and Non-Residential Rates.

COMMISSION ACTION:

I move that the Commission adopt the Stipulation made by and among the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS), the South Carolina Energy Users Committee (SCEUC,) and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC). The Stipulation was not objected to by the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy or the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and was entered into the record of the case.

Based on the record before us, I further move that the Commission find and adopt that:

1. The fuel purchasing practices and policies, plant operations, and fuel inventory management of DEC related to the historical fuel costs and revenues for the period ending May 31, 2020, are consistent with the statutory requirements of S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865 (2015), and are just, reasonable, and prudent.
2. The methodologies used by the Company for determining the environmental cost component and the capacity-related cost component of the fuel factor are consistent with the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-865 (Supp. 2015) and are reasonable and prudent for the review period and the billing period.
3. DEC's calculation and method of accounting for the avoided and incremental costs for Net Energy Metering (NEM) during the review period were reasonable and prudent, are consistent with the methodology approved by the Commission in Order No. 2015-194, and comply with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-40-10 et seq. (2015 and Supp. 2019).
4. The 2020 component values for the NEM Distributed Energy Resource, as found in the Stipulation and in DEC witness Martin's testimony, comply with the NEM methodology approved by the Commission in Order No. 2015-194 and satisfy the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-40-10 et seq. (2015 and Supp. 2019), and those components are adopted.

5. DEC's total fuel factors resulting from the adoption of the Stipulation shall be set at 1.6102 cents per kWh for the Residential class, 1.6246 cents per kWh for General Service and Lighting Classes, and 1.5910 cents per kWh for the Industrial Class. The impact of these total fuel factors vary for each class, but all classes have a decrease in the total fuel factor. The impact of the total fuel factor in this motion on the monthly bill of a Residential customer using 1000 kWh is a decrease of \$6.77.

6. DEC shall set its DERP Charge at \$0.64 per month for the Residential class, \$2.92 per month for the Commercial class, and \$100.00 per month for the Industrial class, including gross receipts tax and regulatory fees.

7. DEC shall continue to file the monthly reports previously required by the Commission and record its natural gas utilizations on an hourly and daily basis as previously ordered.

8. Finally, parties are instructed to file proposed orders, consistent with this ruling, by September 21, 2020.

PRESIDING: Williams

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	
BELSER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Hearing Room
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Voting via Skype
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>	Sick Leave
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Voting via Skype
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Commission Office, Voting via Skype
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Voting via Skype
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Hearing Room

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

